



Our journey began in 1959 when we made our first woven basket. Four generations later, our family business remains committed to producing items of exceptional quality. Many years ago, we established our Natural Woven Coffins range, providing families with an alternative to traditional choices, offering a sustainable yet beautiful option for a loved one.

From the beginning, our heritage and craftsmanship have played a crucial role in our dedication to making exceptional items whilst retaining time-tested principles.

As part of our ongoing ethos, we carefully source the materials used in the production of our coffins to promote strong sustainability and to ensure the quality of our coffins is of the highest standards. The materials used in our production are natural, renewable and biodegradable.



Sustainable

Sustainability is important to us, which is why the materials used in our coffins have been chosen for their renewable and biodegradable properties. Materials such as willow, bamboo and cane rapidly regenerate once harvested. Some materials, such as banana leaf and cocostick, are by-products of fruit farming and would otherwise be discarded.

During the preparation of our materials, only minimal processing is needed, and ultimately the production of each coffin is still done by hand using methods unchanged for generations.

Additionally, we offset the carbon used during the transportation of our coffins from Indonesia to the UK under our tree planting programme. This process not only offsets the carbon used during shipping but also helps to contribute to additional carbon reduction in the future, leaving a lasting legacy.



Responsibly Sourced

Part of our pledge to sustainable sourcing is that our suppliers work with us directly to adhere to our fairtrade policy. Our fairtrade policy sets out the ten principles of fairtrade, which governs the relationship with our suppliers.

Together we work with our suppliers annually, reviewing their working practices. During this period, we encourage our suppliers to discuss; fair pricing, working conditions and opportunities.

Certified

Our coffins have undergone rigorous testing and inspection through the FFMA coffin and caskets testing protocol scheme and are certified for burial and cremation at up to 160kg.

Environmentally friendly woven coffins

Giving Back

As part of our endeavour to support the rural community who make our coffins, we donate 10% of the proceeds of every coffin to the Yayasan Usaha Mulia foundation. Our direct partnership with the foundation enables us to support projects which benefit the local community where our coffins are made.

The YUM foundation was set up in 1975 to assist in funding infrastructure projects in deprived areas of Indonesia, helping to improve the quality of life for ordinary Indonesians. The foundation works on three key areas of development; community infrastructure, education and health support.



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Our Products

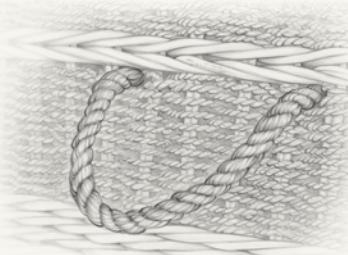
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Seagrass

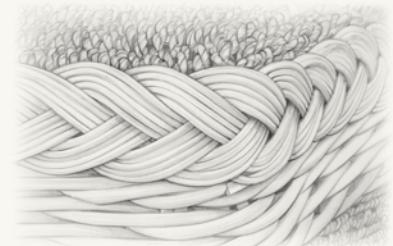
Our Seagrass Coffins are a beautiful compliment, rustic and natural with subtle green and blue tones. They are woven by hand using yarns of twisted seagrass and finished with cane, top and bottom. The seagrass material used for our coffins is grown in coastal paddy fields and flooded with seawater throughout the year. The fields are carefully managed to promote a continued cycle of growth and renewability.



Curved end Seagrass Coffin
with rope handles



Close up showing rope handle

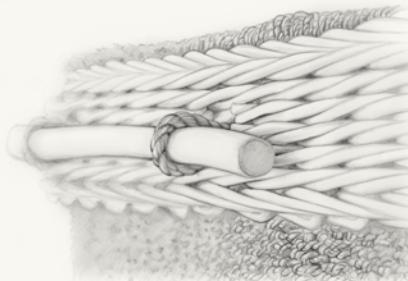


Close up showing traditional plait



Traditional shaped Seagrass Coffin with rope handles

Close up showing secure closure



Matching rectangular ashes casket
and round ashes urn

The coffins are available in two differing shapes, curved end (rounded) and traditional shape (square), each tapering from end to end. Both styles come in a range of finished sizes with natural rope handles. They are fully fitted with natural linings, pillows and covers. FFMA certified for cremation and burial. Tested to lift to 160kg.

Seagrass



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Golden Willow



“Harvested willow grows back to its original height in a year, making it the perfect renewable material”

Golden Willow

Our Golden Willow Coffins have a light blonde tone with subtle underlying pink hues. This distinctive hue is achieved during a short boiling process, releasing a small amount of natural tannins from the outer bark before being stripped away. Each coffin is hand-fashioned by traditional basket weavers using age-old methods. As a coppice material, willow grows in rows of bushes and once harvested, will regenerate back to the same height annually. Willow enjoys rapid growth and is highly renewable.

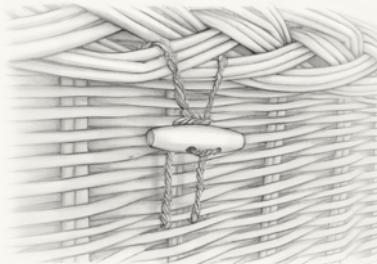
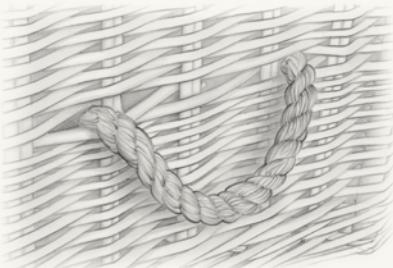


Chestnut Willow

Containing a deep buff colour our Chestnut Willow Coffins provide a darker alternative to our Golden Willow Coffins. This rich shade is achieved through a longer boiling process, releasing more natural tannins from the outer bark before it is stripped away. As a coppice material, willow grows in rows of bushes and once harvested, will regenerate back to the same height annually. Willow enjoys rapid growth and is highly renewable.



Close up showing rope handle

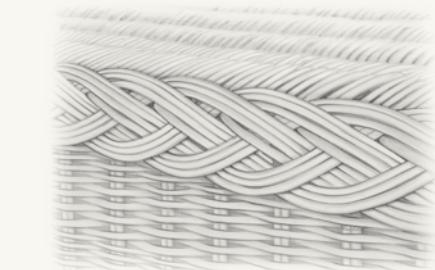


Close up showing secure closure



Traditional shaped Chestnut Willow Coffin with rope handles

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Close up showing traditional plait



Matching rectangular ashes casket and round ashes urn in Chestnut Willow

Chestnut Willow



“Once planted, a willow crown
lasts up to sixty years before needing
to be renewed”

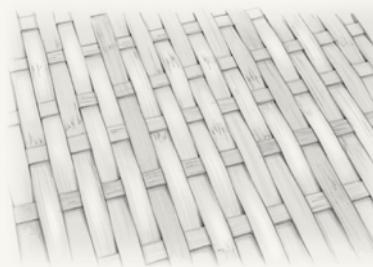
Bamboo



“Bamboo is one of the fastest-growing plants on Earth, capable of growing up to a metre in a single day”

Bamboo

Our Bamboo Coffins are carefully handcrafted by weaving fine bamboo strips around upright stakes, which form part of the structure itself. Each coffin is finished with a beautifully detailed willow plait along the edge. Bamboo is one of the fastest-growing plants on Earth, capable of growing up to a metre in just a single day, making it an incredibly sustainable choice.



Close up showing bamboo weave



Close up showing secure closure

Curved end Bamboo Coffin with rope handles



Close up showing rope handle

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Traditional shaped Bamboo Coffin with rope handles



Rectangular ashes casket in Bamboo

Banana Leaf

Attractive yarns of golden leaves from the banana plant are gently twisted and woven to form this soft and comforting range. Being the by-product of banana farming, the leaf of the banana plant is in plentiful supply and is readily available for weaving. Leaves that would otherwise be disposed of take part in a renewable natural cycle which is good for the local environment.



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Banana Leaf



“Attractive yarns of golden leaves from the banana plant are gently twisted and woven to form our Banana Leaf coffins”

Cane



“Our Cane Coffins hold a natural off-white appearance and are skilfully finished by hand using traditional basket making techniques”

These beautiful coffins are handcrafted using woven cane, which is the core of rattan with the bark stripped away. They hold an off-white appearance and are skilfully finished by hand using traditional basket making techniques. The rattan used for our cane coffins is harvested from the forests of South East Asia and much like a vine, the rattan clings and grows to existing forest trees. Rattan has been known to grow as much as six metres in a year making it an impressive renewable material.



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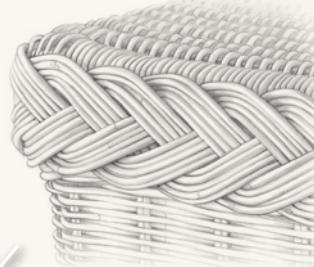
Matching rectangular ashes casket and round ashes urn



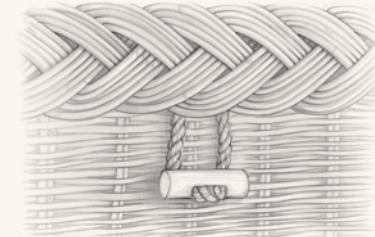
Wicker

Rustic bands of natural rattan are woven together to create this beautiful coffin. The chestnut appearance derives from the rattan's outer bark, which complements the natural handles and toggles. Rattan, also called Rotan, is a climbing vine, these thorny vines can grow up to six metres a year, making a rapidly renewable material for many practical uses.

Close up showing traditional plait



Close up showing secure closure



Curved end Wicker Coffin with rope handles

Close up showing rope handle



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Matching rectangular ashes casket and round ashes urn



Wicker



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Colours Range

Our range of painted coffins and ashes caskets provide a truly personal tribute. Select from our traditional shape (square ends) or curved shape (rounded ends), and choose from 1 of 22 painted finishes. We use the cane coffins from our range for our painted coffin finishes.



Curved end Cane Coffin
painted White



Traditional shaped Cane Coffin
painted Deep Green



Traditional shaped Cane Coffin
painted Purple



Rectangular Cane Ashes
Casket painted Burgundy



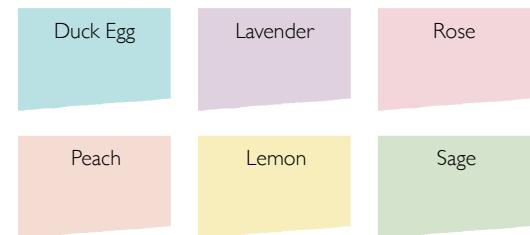
Round Cane Ashes Urn
painted Deep Blue

The coffins are available in a range of finished sizes with natural rope handles and fully fitted with natural linings, pillow and covers.

Vibrant Collection



Pastel Collection



Colours Range



Ashes Caskets

Our handwoven range of ashes caskets are available in a selection of materials matching each of our natural coffins. Choose between two shapes the Round Ashes Urn and the Rectangular Ashes Casket. Each casket is finished with a well-fitted lid, toggle and loop closures and a natural drawstring cotton ashes bag.

Seagrass Ashes Caskets

Matching rectangular ashes casket and round ashes urn in Seagrass



Cane Ashes Caskets

Matching rectangular ashes casket and round ashes urn in Cane



Wicker Ashes Caskets

Matching rectangular ashes casket and round ashes urn in Wicker



Golden Willow Ashes Caskets

Matching rectangular ashes casket and round ashes urn in Golden Willow



Chestnut Willow Ashes Caskets

Matching rectangular ashes casket and round ashes urn in Chestnut Willow



Bamboo Ashes Casket

Rectangular ashes casket in Bamboo



Scattering Tubes



Beach Design



Autumn Design



Woodland Design



Meadow Design

Finishing Touches

Handle Options

Choose from six different handle styles for our Seagrass, Wicker, Cane and Banana Leaf coffins, allowing you to personalise the appearance of the coffin. Match the handles to the coffin finish, or choose a contrasting material for a unique touch. Select from Banana Leaf, Wicker, Cane, Seagrass, or wooden handles, or opt for our standard rope handles.



Seagrass coffin featuring Seagrass handles



Seagrass coffin featuring cane handles



Wicker coffin featuring Wicker handles



Banana Leaf coffin featuring Banana Leaf handles



Cane coffin featuring Teak handles

Handles come in sets of six, please choose one style of handle for the coffin



Seagrass



Wicker



Cane



Banana Leaf



Teak



Rope

Handle finishes may not match the coffin exactly due to natural variations and finishes

Memories

Our coffins can be decorated with personal messages as part of a farewell. Each memory is individually inscribed onto a small wooden heart or circle. Supplied in sets of four, they can be hand-tied to the coffin by the family or the funeral director. After the service, each memory can be kept as a meaningful keepsake.



Cherished memories can be added to complement the look of your coffin.

Finishing Touches



Each memory can hold up to five lines of text; each line can hold up to 22 characters. We use the 'Vijaya' font for all our engraving.

We recommend about four to six memories each side of your natural coffin, however you could include many more at your own discretion if you wished to. The memories shown in the image have been carefully tied to the plait of the lid. They could also be placed onto the handles or directly onto the weave of the coffin.

Extras



The interior of our coffins come fitted with a natural cotton liner, pillow and cover sheet.



The limitations of the printing process mean we cannot guarantee that the colours shown in the photographs will exactly match the final products. The floral arrangements shown throughout this brochure are not included.



The framework in all of our natural coffins is made from environmentally friendly sourced rattan. This sturdy cane ensures a strong yet lightweight support for our woven coffins.



As an option, with all our natural coffins we can provide a wooden engraved nameplate. The nameplates are carefully attached to the lid of the coffin using natural twine.

Children's Caskets

Our range of Children's caskets are carefully handwoven in our Seagrass, Banana Leaf or Cane materials. They come finished in a curved shape (rounded end) with a slight taper from end to end. Each material is available in two smaller sizes, each with natural rope handles and fitted with natural linings and a cotton cover.

The caskets can be finished with an oak-engraved infant nameplate, which is smaller and more suitable for our children's caskets. The caskets can also be adorned with our personalised memory hearts and circles to give a comforting touch.



Seagrass Child Casket



Banana Leaf Child Casket



Cane Child Casket

Baby Caskets

Our baby caskets are handcrafted with care and sensitivity, using natural materials such as Seagrass, Banana Leaf, or Cane. Available in a small range of sizes, each casket is rounded softly at each end and made with a finer, more delicate weave. Inside, they are gently lined with natural linings and come with a soft cotton cover.

Families may personalise the casket with a smaller, oak-engraved nameplate thoughtfully designed to suit our baby range. To add a meaningful touch, our personalised memory hearts and circles can also be included, offering a small but heartfelt way to remember and cherish.



Cane Baby Casket



Seagrass Baby Casket



Banana Leaf Baby Casket



Seagrass

Our Seagrass coffins are crafted using *Fimbristylis umbellaris*, a fast-growing plant cultivated in inland coastal paddy fields across Indonesia. These fields are naturally irrigated with seawater, creating ideal growing conditions. Although the name suggests, this variety is not harvested from the sea. Seagrass is a powerful carbon sink, capable of storing CO₂ up to 50 times faster than trees. The crop is harvested every five months, then sun-dried, hand-tied, and spun into durable 3-ply yarn, ready to be woven.



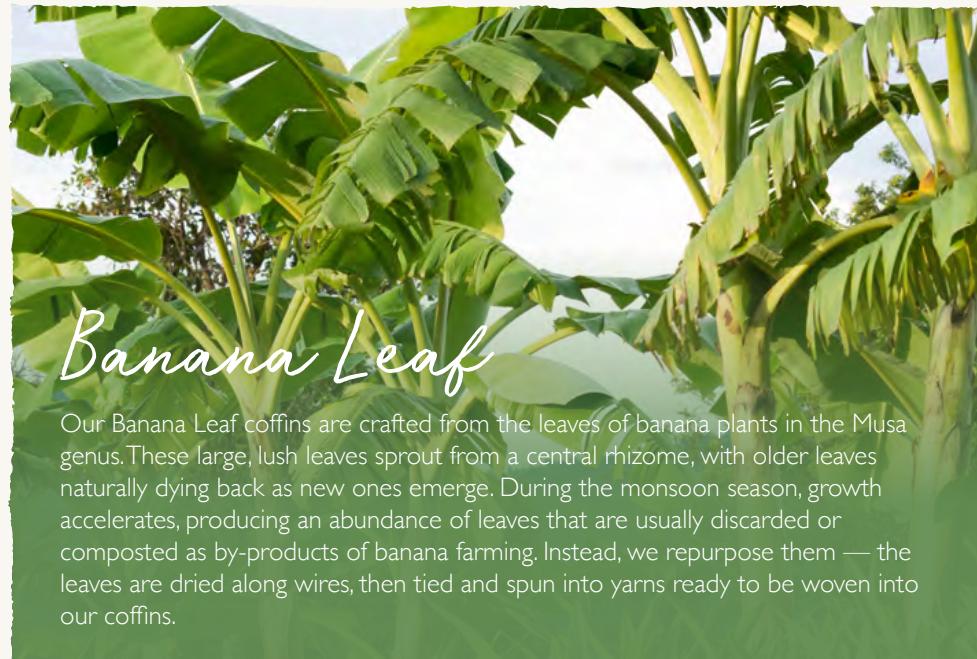
Bamboo

Bamboo, a member of the grass family Poaceae, is an evergreen perennial found throughout Asia. Its stems can grow up to one metre a day, making it one of the fastest-growing plants on the planet. When farmed responsibly, bamboo offers a highly renewable and sustainable material. For our Bamboo coffins, mature poles are harvested, then split lengthwise into strips. After removing the outer skin, each strip is carefully planed and trimmed to the correct thickness, ready for weaving.



Rattan

Rattan also known as rotan, is a fast-growing vine from the *Plectocomiopsis* genus, native to Southeast Asia's tropical forests. Growing up to six metres each year, it is highly renewable and thrives in marginal soil where other crops struggle. As it winds around rainforest trees, rattan encourages forest preservation and biodiversity. Many plantations actively manage surrounding forest areas to ensure healthy regrowth. This strong and versatile material is used to create both our Cane and Wicker coffins.



Banana Leaf

Our Banana Leaf coffins are crafted from the leaves of banana plants in the *Musa* genus. These large, lush leaves sprout from a central rhizome, with older leaves naturally dying back as new ones emerge. During the monsoon season, growth accelerates, producing an abundance of leaves that are usually discarded or composted as by-products of banana farming. Instead, we repurpose them — the leaves are dried along wires, then tied and spun into yarns ready to be woven into our coffins.

We're here
when you need us

As part of the Somerset Willow England range, we have spent over 25 years crafting beautiful funeral products with care, attention to detail, and a commitment to exceptional customer service. Our timeless, premium offerings are designed to provide seamless and thoughtful experiences for every family we serve.

Founded in 1959 by father and son Edward and Aubrey Hill, Somerset Willow England, began as a traditional basket manufacturer. Over four generations, the Hill family grew the business from picnic hampers and hot-air balloon baskets to pioneering environmentally sustainable willow coffins. To expand our range of alternative options, we later launched Natural Woven Coffins, offering families a wider choice of natural yet stunning materials while providing more affordable options.

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